

ELWELL CASE STRIKINGLY LIKE FRITZ RUECKERT MYSTERY

He arose at 3 A. M. Friday and packed his grip to go to the "Rubber Convention" in Atlantic City, he being Vice President of a rubber company. He found his car out of order and borrowed the car of a friend named Edison. At the last minute his own car was repaired and he used it.

At Morgan, N. J., the car broke down and he put it in a garage and went to Red Bank by train, reaching Atlantic City at 11:30 Friday night. He read of the tragedy the next morning at breakfast, attended the convention, and returned to Morgan for his car, which he drove back, arriving last night.

He said, according to Mr. Joyce, that he had never had a quarrel with Elwell and that he has only the kindest feeling for his former wife. He said he was glad she got a divorce, and that the only trouble was he had been a bachelor so long when he married he could not get over his bachelor ways.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Schlegel were married four or five years ago and separated a year ago. A divorce was granted and Mrs. Von Schlegel resumed her maiden name. She and Elwell had been seen frequently together, and it was rumored in certain quarters were engaged to be married. Elwell's closest friends, it appears, were under the impression that he and his wife were divorced, and it did not develop until after his murder that they were merely living apart.

The Ritz-Carlton affair, the investigators did not learn until last night, was a "divorce party" celebrating Mrs. Kraus's freedom.

On learning this, Assistant District Attorney Joyce last night at 9 o'clock invited to the dead man's home all the living members of the "divorce party" in hope of getting a better line on where Elwell went after leaving the party at Seventh Avenue and 43d Street at 3 A. M. Friday. The Lewishomes and Mrs. Kraus were accompanied by their lawyer, Lytle Fox, and were in the house four and a half hours, leaving about 1:30 A. M. to-day. There were accompanied by a man named Berg, said to be a millionaire friend of Elwell. The police quoted him as saying he would spend a fortune to bring about the arrest of Elwell's murderer. Mr. Fox refused to make any statement on leaving.

Von Schlegel had arrived with two detectives before the Lewishomes party left, but was taken to Elwell's bedroom on the third floor, the examination of the others continuing on the second floor.

DETECTIVES USING PROCESS OF ELIMINATION.

The police are now giving considerable attention to the similarity of the murder of Elwell to that of Frederick Rueckert, Vice President of the White Metal Company, slain by a masked assassin who waited in his luxurious bachelor apartment in Hoboken, N. J. There were many elements about the Rueckert murder similar to those of Elwell's slaying—women, photographs, dinners, drives and theatre parties.

Rueckert was slain on his return from a theatre party in the early morning as Elwell was. Rueckert, a naturalized American, was conspicuous during the war for his activities against German propaganda and spies. Elwell was a German spy hunter as a member of the American Association. The mystery of Rueckert's murder has never been cleared up.

The Elwell case investigators have been working on an elimination program. Not only have they been freeding out possible acquaintances who might have slain him, but have been throwing into the discard such witnesses as they are satisfied have given them all the information they possess. Among the latter are Mrs. Marie Larsen, Elwell's secretary, and Edward Rhodes, the chauffeur. Assistant District Attorney Joyce said he believed they have and that they are eager to assist in every way in clearing up the mystery.

By a similar elimination process many of the stories and clues have been disproved or abandoned. Investigation has revealed that Elwell was a very careful man in his dealings with women. Apparently he destroyed all his letters. The only ones found were those received with him in a short time of his death, and they were not of consequence.

The pink silk lingerie found yesterday has proved useless as a clue, because there is no way to tell how long it had lain away in a box. It may have been merely a sentimental souvenir that he had had for years. Some of Elwell's friends thought a search of his home would disclose hundreds of scented missives, possibly a filing case filled with them. There was nothing of the kind.

Another surprising thing was that though there were hundreds of photographs, none were autographed or bore any written testimonial of friendship.

The police have given out two bits of information that correct their first reports. One is that the bullet that went through Elwell's head instead of embedding in the wall struck the wall and landed on the mahogany table beside the body. The other is that a more careful examination showed the cartridge shell found in the room was not made for the United States Army, as first supposed. The only marking was that of the main manufacturer, Capt. William A. Jones, formerly pilot expert of the New York Police Department, said:

NOT AN ARMY CARTRIDGE, EXPERT DECLARES.

"There are three weapons in which it might have been fired, the Colt revolver, the Smith & Wesson revolver, and the Colt automatic pistol. If it were United States Army ammunition it would have the initials

ELWELL WILL FILED EVERYTHING LEFT TO HIS PARENTS

Document Which Was Drawn In January, 1915, Ignores Wife and Son Entirely.

THE will of Joseph Bowne Elwell was filed at noon to-day with Clerk Daniel A. Dowdsey of the Surrogate's Court, as was directed yesterday by Surrogate Cohan when the order was given to open Elwell's strong box. The will is comprised in three articles. The first reads:

"I give all my property, real and personal, unto my parents, Joseph S. Elwell and Jennie A. Elwell, equally, share and share alike, or to the survivor of them absolutely, in case either of them shall predecease me."

Article 2 makes the father and Alfred H. Calparrey executors of the estate and requires no bond of them. Article 3 says:

"I hereby revoke and cancel any and all former or other wills by me at any time made."

The will was signed on Jan. 11, 1915, and was witnessed by Milton M. Rosenberg of No. 457 Hopkinson Avenue, Brooklyn, and Hala Look of No. 215 West 81st Street, New York City.

of the arsenal and the date of manufacture on it.

The fact that the cartridge had been ejected is accepted as proof it was fired from an automatic. It is the belief of the police that if a revolver had been used the murderer would have carried the shell with him, as it would have required special action to remove it. One thing that puzzles the police is why the murderer did not pick up the shell and take it away, instead of leaving it as a possible clue.

The telephone company has cleared up one other point by its records. No one called Elwell over the telephone that morning. In running down other leads, the investigators say they have found no one who heard the shot, and were unable to locate persons reported to have seen some one leaving the Elwell home about the time of the murder. Mr. Joyce said:

"At every angle in this case we are confronted with indisputable proof of the fact that Elwell was slain by a man who nursed for the gambler a grudge that had its inception in his attention to some woman. We have eliminated a score of persons. Friends of the slain man, and we think that the narrowing circle of our investigation is including the slayer."

NEVER SAW BUT ONE WOMAN VISITOR AT HOUSE.

"I came to Mr. Elwell as a housekeeper last October," said Marie Larsen. "He may have known many women; he may not. I can't say as to that. Personally, all I know is that I never heard the name of any woman with whom he was acquainted. Only once in the entire time that I have been here have I ever known a woman to enter the house. That was some weeks before Mr. Elwell was murdered."

"The doorman rang one afternoon. I was working in the kitchen. I went to open the door and found that Mr. Elwell had got downstairs before I had left the kitchen. He admitted a woman, I don't know who she was. She said Mr. Elwell had luncheon together and she left the house."

Mrs. Larsen asserts positively that when she arrived both the outer and inner doors to the Elwell home were locked. She is contradicted in this by the testimony of Torey, the mail man; Otter, the milkman and the newspaper deliverer, who called at the house between 6:30 and 7:30 A. M. These men say that when they reached the house the outer door leading to the vestibule was unlocked. The milk, mail and papers were placed by these men in the vestibule.

William Barnes, Elwell's secretary, gave the detectives an intimate outline of his employer's activities in the card rooms of the city and at race tracks. From nothing that Barnes told them, the police say, have they been able to get the slightest aid in solving the murder, adding they were convinced Elwell and his wife were alone in the house several hours prior to the murder. No reason is given by the detectives for this theory.

The belief is that the murderer met Elwell in the darkened house when the gambler entered, probably an hour or so before daylight. As Elwell flashed on the light, the theory is, he was confronted by a man with whom he was well acquainted, and who, for some reason, he feared.

He and Elwell, it is believed, mounted the stairs to the gambler's bedroom, where they discussed the affair that brought the visitor to the house. The discussion was under way, it is believed, when the postman reached the house, that Elwell descended the stairs to get his mail and was seated in the reception hall reading a letter from one of his trainers at his Kentucky stables when the visitor, without warning, shot Elwell.

The police say that if the men had quarreled and the slayer had shot in anger, there would have been more than one exploded cartridge shell on the floor when Elwell's body was found.

BRITISH OBJECTIONS TO U. S. MARINE LAW

WASHINGTON, June 13.—British objections to the enforcement of the new American merchant marine act which Premier Lloyd George indicated in Parliament yesterday as likely to be the subject of formal representations to the State Department are understood to be based principally upon two sections of the measure.

The first prohibits the carrying of merchandise in other than American ships between American ports, via a foreign port. This would stop the carriage of freight between points in the United States and Alaska or the Canadian railroad lines or in Canadian ships, which has grown into a business of magnitude.

The other section directs the President to terminate, as soon as can be done under their terms, all treaties which restrict the right of the United States to impose discriminatory duties upon foreign shipping entering American ports.

RUECKERT WILL LEAVES ALL TO S. M. RUMBROUGH

Neither Miss Vorrach nor Miss Trask Mentioned by Murdered Manufacturer.

The will of Frederick C. Rueckert, Vice President of the White Metal Company of Hoboken, who was found dying from a bullet wound in his apartment at No. 1127 Washington Street, Hoboken, on the morning of May 9, was filed with Surrogate James F. Norton, Jersey City, his afternoon. It leaves the entire estate of the murdered man to his "friend Stanley M. Rumbrough," an official of the White Metal Company, who lives at No. 105 East 82d Street.

Contrary to the reports current immediately after the death of Rueckert, the will does not mention either Clara E. Vorrach, who lives at Garden and Tenth Streets, Hoboken, or Mae Trask, who disputed Miss Vorrach's claim to be engaged to the murdered business man.

The will was drawn by Attorney Alfred Frankenthaler of this city while Rueckert was dying in St. Mary's Hospital and was witnessed by George and Alfred Frankenthaler; Harry Vorrach, brother of Clara; William Holman and Charles A. Fulle, President of the White Metal Company.

Although Rueckert had a mother, two brothers and two sisters living in Germany, no provision was made for them in the will, but friends say they understand arrangement was made with Rumbrough to care for Rueckert's relatives abroad. This method was adopted, it was said, to avoid difficulties which might arise over the Alien Enemy Property Act, this country being still officially at war with Germany.

COUNTLESS'S PICTURE NOT AMONG THOSE IN ELWELL'S HOME

Their Acquaintance Slight, Her Sister Declares, and Concerned Bridge Whist Only.

By Fay Stevenson.

The beautiful nineteen-year-old sister of Countess Sonia Szaniawska and Mrs. L. Hardy, whose pictures it has been intimated were among the Elwell collection, denied to-day that this is true.

"Neither of my sisters' pictures were among the effects found in the Elwell home," said the Countess's sister, who is not only very beautiful but extremely shy.

"You will just have to call me the Countess's sister," she said at the latter's apartment, No. 11 West 53d Street. "We do not like all this notoriety and my sister's maiden name or my name must not be made public. However, I will say that both my sisters were very much annoyed when it was said that their pictures were in Mr. Elwell's home."

"Both of my sisters play bridge whist and I have heard them tell many a tale of the way they played with Mr. Elwell."

"Did they ever mention anything about the way he dressed or the type of man he was?" I asked this beautiful dark-eyed beauty.

"They used to say Mr. Elwell was just like an Englishman in his manner of dress," replied the Countess's sister, "that he was always courteous and very courteous. He always wore the right thing and in just the right way."

"I have heard them tell what a splendid host he made, what a charming manner he had and what excellent taste he had in the color schemes he used in his home furnishings. I have been told also that Mr. Elwell was a very beautiful man with long, wavy hair, and that he was very charming."

"They were both out playing golf or tennis the Countess's sister, and they will probably scold me for talking and telling the few things I know about Mr. Elwell through them. They have been called the most beautiful women in New York, the most intellectual and the most charming, and you can imagine their dismay when it was asserted that their pictures were among a group of many other women collected by the late Mr. Elwell, when the fact is they scarcely knew the man."

2 DEAD, 40 HURT IN SANTA FE WRECK

Accident to California Limited 12 Miles South of La Junta—Injured Will Recover.

LA JUNTA, Col., June 13.—Two persons were killed to-day when the California Limited train, eastbound, on the Santa Fe Railroad was wrecked at Keno, Col., twelve miles south of here.

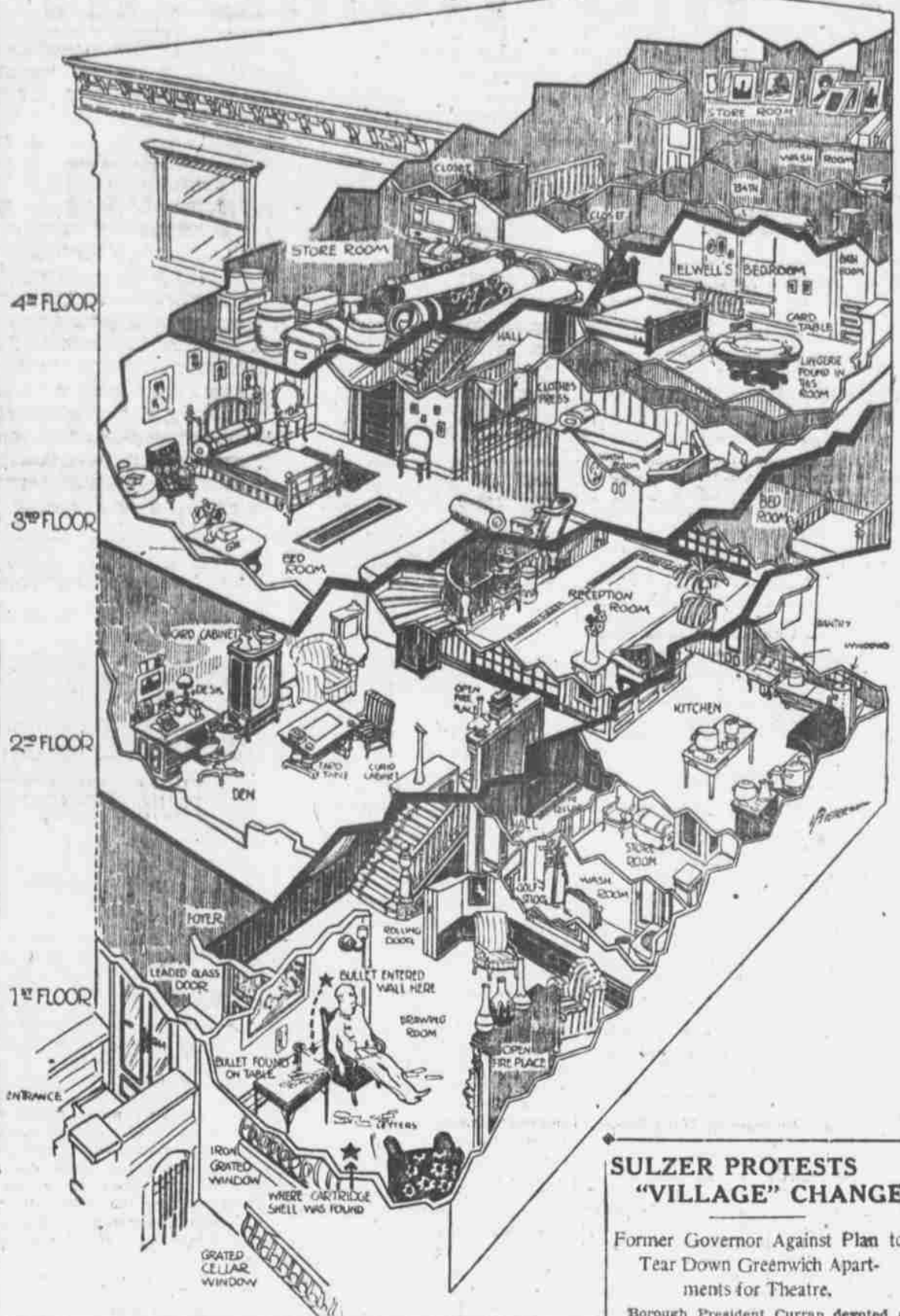
At Santa Fe Hospital here it was announced that forty injured had been given treatment. Most of those hurt, it was said, would recover.

The dead are: Dr. Harden, address unknown; negro chef of dining car.

DRIVE OFF COLDS.

Police John's medicine goes through to men's colds.

Cross Section View of Mystery House Where Elwell Was Found Murdered



ESTATE OF ELWELL LEFT TO PARENTS; WILL IGNORES WIDOW AND SON

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to the theory that an ex-soldier murdered her husband.

"The person who murdered Mr. Elwell was intimately acquainted with him. The reason I feel this to be true is that my husband was very affected and was always striving to impress others. He had two natures, one for his acquaintances and the other for his intimates. He must have made enemies, for he has always involved himself with other women. He most certainly would never have received an acquaintance in the attire in which he was found dead."

"A newspaper man informed me that Mr. Elwell's turf friends had made remarks about how seldom he was seen with women. I can very easily understand that. He never permitted women to interfere with his business, and his business was gambling. It is quite possible he led a life which was apart from the life he led with his sporting friends. Few people knew him well and I am afraid that those few who did were led into that friendship to their cost."

"Yes, I have eeked out my allowance by giving lessons in bridge, whist," she said when she saw the interviewer glance at the card forms on the shelf of a nearby table. "Despite the fact of my husband's reputation as an authority, which is really my own, I have retained some little prominence as an authority on this game."

"In case my husband's estate is not all it should be I shall continue giving lessons and I am also making notes for another book I shall write about whist. This one, however, will be published under my own name. The book really should be written, as a change in the values of the game has brought the books I wrote for him antiquated so much to Mr. Elwell."

"Not so long ago I asked his permission to write a supplementary book on those already written, and I asked for half of the royalties. He told me to go ahead and write the book, but that I would not get another cent from him."

Mrs. Elwell said she called upon Joseph B. Elwell, the father of her husband, at his home in Ridgewood, N. Y., on Sunday, to ask if he was going to consider her in the disposition of the estate.

"He hasn't any money. If you want his body, take that," is the reply Mrs. Elwell said she received to her request.

SULZER PROTESTS "VILLAGE" CHANGE

Former Governor Against Plan to Tear Down Greenwich Apartments for Theatre.

Borough President Curran devoted a large part of to-day to a second hearing of the question whether the proposed Sheridan Square Theatre promoters shall be permitted to tear down apartment houses to make room for their theatre. Projectors of the theatre ask that the south side of Sheridan Square be changed from a residence to a business zone.

Among those who opposed the change were former Gov. William Sulzer, Mrs. Vladimir G. Simphovich, Rose Pastor Stokes and many persons who have lived all their lives, and own their homes in this, the Greenwich Village section.

RUTGERS HONORS HOOVER.

Degrees for New York Men Also: First Women Graded.

Herbert Hoover received the honorary degree of doctor of laws to-day at the commencement exercises of Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J. Other honorary degrees were given to Supreme Court Justice Gilbert D. R. Haubrock, President Jacob Gould Schurman of Cornell, Joseph D. Allen of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Preparatory School and Dr. John Wyckoff of Manhattan. For the first time in the history of the college two women received graduation degrees. They are Louise G. Plank of Manhattan and Gertrude R. Macpherson of Trenton, each taking the degree of Master of Science.

Mr. Hoover and Justice Haubrock were the principal speakers this afternoon in Ballantine Gymnasium. There were eighty-nine graduates. David M. Abt and Stephen Herbert, Manhattan, and Harold N. Neeley and Jacques M. Stryker, Brooklyn.

HUSBAND'S MEMORY HAZY OVER VOWS

That the day of marriage led such an indistinct memory that he was even hazy as to the city it was in is the claim made by Theodore Lutkins of No. 350 West 53d Street, in an answering affidavit to Mrs. Mary Lutkins' appeal for a reopening of proceedings attending her action for separation. Mr. Lutkins is Vice President of the Theodore J. Lutkins Company, leather importers and exporters of No. 40 Spruce Street.

Mrs. Lutkins obtained a separation from her husband on June 5, 1912. The court awarded her \$120 a month, but this amount was reduced to \$10 a week by the Appellate Division. In this action both parties said their marriage took place in Hoboken; the date, Nov. 6, 1910. The wife wants more than \$15 a week.

Lutkins said in an answering affidavit they were wed one day after they met. The place, he stated, was Jersey City, not Hoboken, and the circumstances surrounding it he described as "indistinct."

LOST, FOUND AND REWARDS.

LOST—Shed of boy, between Oriskany st. and Broadway, 14, 5th st. to 15th st. Reward \$100.00. Found by John J. Connelley.

MURDER OF ELWELL IS LIKE THAT OF FRITZ RUECKERT

Both Lived Alone and Were Found Dead in Their Homes in Early Morning.

THERE are many points of similarity between the murder of Joseph Bowne Elwell and that of Fritz Ernest Rueckert, who was mortally shot in his apartment in Hoboken early on the morning of May 9 last.

Each murder is still a mystery, defying all the skill of police and detectives to solve.

Both Elwell and Rueckert lived alone, the former separated from his wife, the latter a bachelor, though engaged to be married.

Both were shot in their homes in the early morning, the assassins fleeing without leaving a trace of identity.

Elwell and Rueckert were especially fond of the companionship of women. In the rooms of each were found a number of photographs of women.

Women were frequent visitors in the homes of the two men. A pink silk kimono and toilet articles usually employed by women were found in Elwell's home. Each man had a chauffeur who was among the last to see his master alive.

Each had been in the company of women or a woman within a few hours of the time he was shot to death.

"SOCIETY SQUAD" AFTER BOOTLEGGERS

Beau Brummels to Visit Hotels and Cabarets in Search of Dry Law Violators.

The dry lid is clamped down tight in New York. John Quigley, Assistant Chief Prohibition Enforcement Agent, said today, "Then he added: 'All day yesterday squads of revenue men went from saloon to saloon seeking violations. They even changed their regular practice of entering cafes in pairs, and made the attempt singly, to get drinks. Even this rule failed. They got the inevitable nod and accompanying remark, 'Nothing doing' from the bartender. Only a few arrests were made. The boys proved to be the bristest spot in the city.'

Quigley inaugurated a new method to-day in his drive, the effect of which will be felt, he says, in hotels, Broadway cabarets and restaurants. He has organized a "society squad." These men, who from their demeanor and mode of dress, appear to be gentlemen of leisure or casual tourists are to promenade the lobbies of the hotels and to detect bootleggers, who are preying on strangers in the city and selling whiskey at exorbitant prices.

DIRT THROWN BY DIRT.

"You are rightfully named," said Magistrate Reynolds in the Flatbush Court to-day after Thomas Dirt of No. 253 First Street, had pleaded guilty to throwing refuse in the street at No. 217 Novite Street.

He fined Dirt \$5 or five days in jail, with a warning that the next time he appeared on a similar charge he would be sent to the workhouse. Dirt paid the fine.



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